

THE DISABLED VETERAN HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION

Q: What is the Disabled Veteran Exclusion Homestead Property Tax Relief?

A: The Disabled Veterans Exclusion which provides property tax relief for qualified Honorably Discharged North Carolina disabled veterans that have a total and permanent service-connected disability or one that received benefits for specially adapted housing. The exemption excludes up to \$45,000 of the assessed value of their permanent residence from property taxes.

Example:

Without Exclusion:

Value of Home 150,000

Multiplied by Sample x .00535

Tax Rate

Total Taxes \$802.50

With Exclusion:

Value of Home 150,000

Less Exclusion 150,000 -45,000 =

Amount of 45,000 = 105,000

Multiplied by Sample x .00535

Tax Rate

Total Taxes \$561.75

Please note: This example is a comparative guide and is provided as a general informational tool only. The tax rate used in the example is county-wide general fund rate in effect for the tax year 2008.

Q: What are the qualifications for the Disabled Veteran Homestead Exclusion?

A: You may be qualified for the Disabled Veteran Exclusion if:

- YOU ARE a Honorably Discharged Disabled Veteran or Discharged Under Honorable Conditions Disabled Veteran (or unmarried surviving spouse of same) who owns your permanent residence, (including a manufactured home) and is a legal resident of Catawba County; AND
- YOU (or YOUR SPOUSE) are certified by the Veteran's Administration or another federal agency to have a permanent and 100% total disability that is service-connected.

OR

- YOU ARE a Honorably Discharged Disabled Veteran or Discharged Under Honorable Conditions Disabled Veteran (or unmarried surviving spouse of same) who owns your permanent residence, (including a manufactured home) and is a legal resident of Catawba County; AND
- YOU (or YOUR SPOUSE) received benefits for specially adapted house under 38 U.S.C. § 2101

Q: What is considered part of my Homestead/Permanent Residence?

A: It includes your dwelling, the dwelling site (not to exceed 1 acre), and related improvements such as a garage, carport or storage building. The dwelling may be a single family residence, a unit in a multi-family complex, or a manufactured home.

Q: Do I have to apply in person?

A: For this exemption, the qualifying homeowner may submit an [application](#) by mail or in person at the Tax Department. To make an appointment, or for further information, call 828-4654-8426 or 828-465-8427.

Q: What supporting documents do I need in order to apply?

A: You must furnish the following:

- Proof that the Veteran was Honorably Discharged. (ie. Form DD-256 or DD214), **AND**
- Certification by VA or another federal agency that permanent and 100% total disability is service connected (Veteran's Disability Certification Form NCDVA -9) **OR**
- Proof that veteran received or is receiving benefits for specially adapted housing under 38 U.S.C. § 2101.

Q: How much income can I make and still qualify for the exclusion?

A: There is no income limitation for this tax relief.

Q: When is the deadline to file an [application](#)?

A: Applications are timely filed if received by June 1st of the year for which the exemption is applied.

Q: Do I need to reapply annually?

A: No. You do not need to reapply annually. However, you must notify the Tax Assessor if:

- You move, sell or rent your house, OR
- You make changes to the owners listed on the deed, OR
- There is a change in your disability status.